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Dean of Arts & Sciences Named as President Prepares to Step Down

The Search For Arts & Sciences Dean is Over

By BRYNN BOYER AND WILL LYNCH
Staff Writers

Richard Finkelstein was announced as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences yesterday afternoon.

Despite earlier speculation that the unexpected departure of President Judy Hamble would complicate the search, Claudia Emerson, chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee, said "Provost Jay Harper has been in constant contact with the candidates the past week."

In yesterday's e-mail to faculty, Associate Provost John Morello said Finkelstein would be officially announced to the university next week.

Finkelstein currently is chair of the English department at the State University of New York at Geneseo. He has led the English department at SUNY-Geneseo for nine years, according to the biography the search committee sent to students and faculty.

Finkelstein could not be reached last night for comment.

A committee of eight faculty members and one student conducted the search this semester for a dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The nine member committee is made up of a representative from each of the constituencies that the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will be in charge of, including a member of the student body," Emerson said.

The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences serves as the chief academic officer for the College of Arts and Sciences. Finkelstein will oversee all academic operations of the College in matters regarding the faculty, the curriculum, academic programs, and academic support, according to the UW Web site.

The dean's office also manages programs that support faculty development, promote undergraduate research activity, and aid faculty in submitting proposals for external grants, the Web site says.

The search began with the committee consulting the search firm Greenwood/Asher & Associates to make sure the search was run "as efficiently as

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Executive Vice President Rick Hurley and President Judy Hamble during the March 2008 ceremony when Hamble was announced as president.

Beth Wilkins/Bullet

Hamble Plans to Leave Earlier Than Expected

By BRYNN BOYER AND ANNE ELDER
Staff Writers

Sixteen days after announcing her resignation, the Board of Visitors announced that Judy Hamble will be leaving her post as president sooner than originally planned.

The announcement that Hamble will be stepping down as of April 1 came after a BOV meeting on Sunday, March 7.

However, BOV Rector Nanalor Sauer said that the board did not ask Hamble to leave earlier than previously announced.

"The Board of Visitors did not ask her to leave and we had not discussed her departure either," Sauer said. "It was out of the blue."

Hamble said in a press release, "I offered to step down early so that the acting president can begin his or her term earlier, and so that the university can continue to move forward without the distractions inherent in a prolonged period of transition."

From April 1 until June 30, the original date of her resignation, Hamble will be on academic sabbatical.

As per the terms of her original uni-

versity contract, Hamble is entitled to one year of sabbatical leave after seven years of employment. However, the contract states that she may only take sabbatical if she has not been terminated by UMW or resigned from her employment.

According to George Farrar, the vice president for university relations, the academic sabbatical is based on an agreement reached last week between Hamble and the BOV.

During this period, she will support the BOV and the yet-to-be-named acting president, consulting on the establishment of the Colleges of Business and Education and on continuing the implementation of the strategic plan, said Farrar.

Hamble will continue to be paid through June 30.

"I'm really confused as to what's going on," sophomore Nancy Belle said. "I feel like there's a lot more to the story now that she's leaving early than we originally thought, [more] than the administrators are telling us."

Now, the BOV has three weeks to find an acting president.

The BOV is expected to name the acting president at an executive committee meeting on March 17, accord-

ing to Sauer.

Rick Hurley, executive vice president, said he agreed that Hamble's decision would allow for a smoother transition for the acting president.

Hurley, who served as acting president after President William Frawley was fired, said the BOV had not spoken to him about taking over for Hamble.

Sauer said she had no comment on whether Hurley was being considered for the position again or not.

When asked if the acting president would be found within the UMW community or from somewhere outside UMW, Sauer did not have any comment.

Hamble will not be at commencement on May 8, Farrar said.

Senior Meghan Lemon said she didn't have an opinion on Hamble's resignation or the fact that she won't be at graduation.

"I'm really ambivalent about it all," Lemon said.

But other students said Hamble's early resignation was welcome news.

"I was literally jumping for joy and screaming down the hallway in celebration," sophomore Cole Eskridge said.

Audio Transcript Released:

Reversing the course of their previous withholding, the University of Mary Washington has decided to release the phone records related to a false emergency report President Judy Hamble filed with campus police last fall.

The approximately 3-minute long audio recording depicts Hamble asking for police assistance from the top level of the parking deck. She describes a man in an athletic jersey harassing her and two other women. Her tone becomes increasingly anxious until the call ends. A man then informs police over the phone that the call is a test. A transcript of the call follows:

Police Department: UMW police. Where is your emergency?

Hamble: Parking deck.

PD: Ok. What's wrong?

Hamble: We need assistance over here.

PD: What kind of assistance?

Hamble: A prowler of some kind.

PD: Ok, there's a prowler out at the parking deck.

Hamble: Yes, can you come quickly please?

PD: Absolutely. to someone in Brent Hall: Hey Jay can you meet them over at the parking deck right now?

To Hamble: Alright, what's going on?

Hamble: There's a strange looking guy. I'm with two other women and he's really harassing us and we're scared to get in our car.

PD: Ok, they're on their way right now. What level of the parking deck are you on?

Hamble: I'm on the top.

PD: You're on the top level of the parking deck. Can you describe him?

Hamble: Hello? Can you describe him? PD: I don't know. He's tall, skinny, he's got some kind of athletic jersey that's sort of pulled up over, covered over his head.

PD: Ok, he's got it covering his head, alright. Alright, can you describe anything else?

Hamble: Can you send somebody quickly?

PD: Yes, they're on their way right now. I already got them on the way. Just trying to get a description that's all.

Hamble: Pause. And what's your name, m'am?

Hamble: Judy Hamble.

PD: Ok, Judy, I have them on the way right now.

Hamble: Ok, are you all safe right now, or is he right next to you, or what's going on?

Hamble: He's about 10 feet away.

PD: Ok, so he's about 10 feet away, ok.

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Five Emergency Lights Added

By MARY WILKERSON
Staff Writer

This semester, five new blue lights are being erected around campus as part of a project that will cost the university \$160,000. The new lights received a makeover, and though they work essentially the same way as the existing ones, they have a completely different look.

The campus will now have two different sets of lights, as there are no plans to replace the existing ones.

The addition of five blue lights brings the total to 139 lights located on and around campus. The new lights have been placed to strategically fill gaps in high traffic areas like College Avenue in front of duPont Hall, the crosswalk to the University Apartments, and the corner of Seacobeck Hall by College Avenue.

These lights are already in place, and as of last week the blue lights at duPont Hall and the crosswalk to the Apartments are operational.

"The project was an undertaking as the result of findings on numerous safety walks, the most recent having been held in September 2009," Assistant Vice President for Public Safety



One of the new emergency blue lights near William Street.

Kakava's Battle with Cancer Ends

By SARAH SANDERS
Staff Writer

After a year-and-a-half battle with brain cancer, UMW Professor of Linguistics Christina Kakava, 49, passed away at her home in Fredericksburg on Feb. 20.

A fatal tumor was discovered in her brain in August of 2008, almost one year following her diagnosis of breast cancer, which she beat in the spring of 2008.

"She was such a force of nature...always so energetic. She was an incredibly vibrant person," Teresa Kennedy, chair of the English, linguistics and communication department said.

"You couldn't help but smile when you saw her- she had that great smile and a sparkling laugh," wrote Kathy Stephens of Locust Grove, Va. in the Covenant Funeral Service online memorial guestbook dedicated to Kakava.

Born in Halkida, Greece, Kakava

graduated from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens majoring in Greek and English. She remained in Greece holding various teaching positions, including one at the Air Force Academy.

In 1987, Kakava came to the United States where she studied linguistics at Georgetown University, earning her masters in 1989 and her Ph.D. in 1993.

Her career at UMW began in 1994 when she joined the faculty as a linguistics professor, becoming a full professor in 2006.

"She was undoubtedly one of the most beautiful and inspirational people that I've ever known, and I will never forget her selflessness and warmth," UMW alumna Meredith Nowlin of Alexandria, Va. wrote in the online guestbook.

During her time at UMW, Kakava taught sociolinguistics, cross-cultural communication, discourse analysis and

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By BRYNN BOYER Staff Writer

Feb. 16- UMW police assisted a student in a wheelchair get into duPont Hall. Because ice and snow had accumulated on the ramp near Melchers Hall, the student couldn't use the wheelchair ramp. The officer took the student through Pollard Hall.

Feb. 17- Fredericksburg police and UMW police had a meeting regarding a dash pass that students have brought to the Fredericksburg police. The students claim the passes are issued by the UMW police. According to the departments, the students are presenting the passes in an attempt to have Fredericksburg City parking tickets dismissed. Both departments know the pass is a counterfeit and recognize the type, style and wording of the fake permits. Police recommend that students stop using the fake permits to avoid fines.

Feb. 18- UMW police responded to a housekeeper's call of a possible burglary in Lee Hall. When police responded, they found money and checks left on a desk. Police put the items in a secured bag and stored it in the UMW police

headquarters while the investigation continued. Later, police learned that the office staff had not secured the items the night before but that nothing was missing.

Feb. 19- While on patrol, students working for the police department reported that someone had tampered with locks, doors and windows on the fourth floor of George Washington Hall. They took pictures and made a report. The investigation continues.

Feb. 21- UMW police and the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on the second floor of Marshall Hall. They found the culprit—burned food—in the second floor common area. There were no damages or injuries.

Feb. 22- A UMW student reported a stalking incident by a former friend, who is not a UMW student. The relationship between the student and the stalker ended before the student came to UMW. The UMW police are working closely with the student to ensure the student's well-being.

Feb. 22- A student reported that her wallet was stolen from Virginia Hall. The student found the wallet in a trash can in the women's restroom in Virginia the next day.

Feb. 23- UMW police responded to a staff member's complaint that an unauthorized person had gained access to the Modern Foreign Languages suite in Combs Hall. When police arrived, the person was gone. Police took a report and the investigation continues.

Feb. 23- A student reported that the brick restraining wall at the University Apartments fell on her vehicle, damaging it.

Feb. 24- UMW police and the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to a call for the possible smell of propane gas. The smell, a combination of stain and varnish, came from the UMW Facilities Services shop area. Facilities Services properly ventilated the area and the smell dissipated.

Feb. 28- The security guard on-duty at the park-

ing deck called the UMW police about someone who requested access to the security check who did not have proper authorization. When police arrived, the person was gone. Police got a description of the person from the security guard and placed it on-file.

Mar. 2- A student came to Brent Hall to tell police about an encounter she had at the University Apartments. As she was entering the driveway in her car, two males approached her and blocked the entrance. She blew her horn at them, but, instead of leaving, the men followed her vehicle as she drove by. Rather than park her car, the student continued to drive around and out of the parking lot and went directly to Brent Hall. Officers went to the Apartments and walked through the area as well as the parking lot. Police did not find anyone matching the student's description of the men.

Mar. 8- UMW police took a report of vandalism in Jefferson Hall. Someone pulled out the glass covering the ceiling lights in the elevator and broke all the light bulbs.

This information was compiled with help from

Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Service Susan Knick.

Wittman Addresses Students' Political Concerns at Meeting

By ERIC STEIGLEDER
Staff Writer

Republican Congressman Rob Wittman visited the University of Mary Washington on Friday, Feb. 19, and held a town-hall style meeting in the Great Hall.

The UMW College Republicans hosted the event and invited students from all political stripes to attend and ask the congressman questions.

Before taking questions, Wittman addressed many of his own key issues, including the economy, taxes, small businesses and new technologies like Facebook and Twitter.

"Borrowing money, tax structure, national debt, regulations," Wittman said. "There is a lot of anxiety out there."

Wittman specifically addressed the current healthcare debate in the U.S. Congress. While he agreed that the rising costs of healthcare are unsustainable, Wittman maintained that the bill currently under consideration is inherently flawed.

"We wish we had started on a level playing field," he said. "The process hasn't necessarily brought all the ideas to the floor."

After his introductory remarks, Wittman took questions from the more than 30 students in attendance.

Senior James Martin asked Wittman if Social Security or Medicare would be cut in order to decrease the national debt.

Wittman responded that to lower the debt effectively without cutting costs, it would take a 60 percent increase in taxes, something he refuses to consider.

He said that instead both Social Security and Medicare must be seriously looked at and ultimately fixed.

"They are not sustainable," Wittman said. "Medicare runs out of money in 2017. Social Security runs out in 2037. We better get in there and fix it."

Senior Joe Buonannata asked for Wittman's opinion on the Tea Party Movement, as well as former Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo's comments at the Tea Party Convention that Obama was elected because "we do not have a civics, literacy test before people can vote in this country."

Wittman expressed his distaste for Tancredo's comments and reinforced the idea that pointed criticism can be effective, but must be respectful.



Rep. Rob Wittman at a town hall meeting on Feb. 19. The UMW College Republicans hosted the event.

"Those kinds of comments don't make the process any more open," Wittman said. "You have to back off from that. It's good rhetoric, but you have to encourage folks to vote. You can disagree without being disagreeable."

Junior Michael Gardner asked Wittman about his opinion on abstinence only versus safe sex education in school systems.

"I don't have an issue with them," Wittman said.

Wittman went on to say that the type of sexual education offered in a school should be decided by the school itself and the students' parents.

"I think school systems ought to have the ability to choose," Wittman said. "Parents should be in on this. I think these decisions are best left to the community."

Sophomore Cara MacDonald asked Wittman to comment on his stated disapproval of a public option in the current healthcare legislation.

Wittman responded with his own question, directed at MacDonald.

"How does that lower costs and provide competition?" he asked.

Wittman went on to decry the in-

volvement of the federal government in providing insurance, as well as requiring businesses to pay a tax if they cannot provide their workers with insurance.

"Government would determine who goes into the insurance," Wittman said. "You pay an 8 percent payroll tax if you don't provide care. Who pays for it?"

At the end of the meeting, the students in attendance seemed satisfied.

"I think the congressman is very knowledgeable about the current issues," former Mary Washington student Ben Miller said. "Not just for the district but the nation."

Senior Andrew Luton, president of the College Republicans, was grateful for Wittman's interest in student opinion.

"We're so glad he could make it," Luton said. "He's a great friend of the club. He's so good about this."

Wittman also was positive about the town-hall meeting.

"The students are an important part of the electorate," Wittman said. "[Mary Washington] is part of the district. We're here to keep our ears open and listen."

Additional Security Measures Planned

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Susan Knick said.

The new blue lights are part of a larger project that also includes the installation of several dozen new sidewalk and streetlights. The new streetlights will be located mainly on Sunken Road.

"I think it's really great that they're putting lights up on Sunken Road. I often walk that road, and it's pretty unnerving at night, even sometimes during the daytime," senior Melissa Merritt said.

The project has been delayed due to winter weather but should be finished later this spring, according to John Wiltenmuth, associate vice president for

facilities services.

"The new blue lights look like they actually might work in case of an emergency," senior Caitlin Oshida said. "They do remind me of hospital signs, but overall they look very modern and efficient."

These blue lights are significantly larger, with 'emergency' spelled out in prominent white lettering on all four sides, as well as distinctly brighter lights. The increased size of the blue lights increases their visibility, but at a cost.

"The new blue lights are less aesthetically pleasing than the old ones," senior Megan Thompson said.

**St. Patrick's Day is next week.
Write for the news section.**

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Corrections

In the Feb. 18 issue of the *Bullet*, the course requirements for the women's studies major were incorrectly listed in the article, "Women's Studies Major Becomes Official This Fall." The major will require Introduction to Women's Studies, Introduction to Feminism, one methods course, six electives from at least three different disciplines and two capstone courses.

Viewpoints

University Wastes Funds by Keeping Hamble Here

Judy Hamble is getting \$82,000 for doing nothing.

The almost dearly departed President Hamble is going on sabbatical for the remainder of the time she will be in Fredericksburg. In a news release sent out by the University earlier this week, the University says that Hamble's tenure as president will now end April 1, instead of the original June 30 date, and that Hamble will begin a three-month "academic sabbatical" until the end of June.

According to Hamble's original contract, she must vacate Brompton, the presidential mansion, and will "not be entitled to any further compensation or benefit as president." However, BOV Rector Namalou Sander said that a new employment agreement had been reached, and that Hamble will collect her salary and continue to reside at the Brompton mansion through June 30, as reported by the Free Lance-Star.

Historically, a sabbatical year has been given after a substantial period of time with an institution (university or other) in which the employee has gone above and beyond the call of duty. A sabbatical is typically granted to give the employee time to spend with family, or some significant accomplishment, such as writing a book, traveling for research or furthering one's education. The idea is that the employee will return after a year and bring even more knowledge and ability to their job.

This, however, does not seem like the "academic sabbatical" President Hamble will be on. Between April 1 and June 30, Hamble will be paid approximately \$82,000 for "supporting" the BOV and the acting president and "consulting" for the university, according to the university news release.

Hamble's early resignation and sabbatical is reminiscent of the ousted former president of Harvard University, Larry Summers. Summers, who had previously worked in the Clinton Administration as secretary of the treasury, had a difficult five years as president of Harvard, from 2001 to 2006. He had issues with faculty, gambled with university funds through poor investing and made some problematic comments

about the scientific and mathematical competency of women.

After his resignation on June 30, 2006 (a convenient resignation date), Summers took a year-long sabbatical from the university and then accepted a position as a tenured "University Professor," the highest honor for a professor.

sor at Harvard. In October of the same year, Summers accepted a part-time position as a "consultant" at D. E. Shaw and Company, a New York hedge fund.

Colleagues and clients both agreed that Summers was mostly a figurehead to impress prospective clients and appear at company events. Still, for two years, Summers worked one day a week while collecting approximately \$5.2 million, as reported by the *New York Times*. Summers would also make speaking appearances at universities and financial companies for prices that sometimes exceeded \$100,000.

Like Summers at Harvard, Hamble has struggled through some controversy while at Mary Washington. From refusing to shake hands at last year's graduation, to the Safety Walk fiasco, to a still mysterious resignation, it seems like something has gone wrong with our still-new President. And yet, the University and BOV are making the choice to reward our "lame duck" in her words, by continuing to pay her a large salary and allowing her to reside in a school-owned mansion while remaining on staff as a "consultant."

As in Larry Summers' case, and the case of many other U.S. presidents, executives and professors, consulting is a job where you do very little, while earning a huge amount of money. It seems ridiculous that at a time when the university has a hiring freeze and when faculty salaries have been frozen for years, that the University is continuing to pay the salary for a figurehead who is essentially doing nothing.

We guarantee that every department across campus, from theatre to chemistry to political science, could use an extra \$82,000 in their budget. But instead, we're just paying Hamble to stay out of the way.



Brendan Oudekerk/Bullet

The New Sexclamations: Not A Pleasurable Read for Everyone

By ANNE ELDER
News Editor

My grandmother is an avid reader of the *Bullet*.

She reads the online edition every Thursday, looking forward to reading the happenings of her alma mater.

A few weeks ago, however, she received quite a shock when she tuned in. She saw the first column of the new *Sexclamations*.

Needless to say, my inbox had an e-mail waiting from her regarding the column.

Her overall opinion was that it was "tasteless" and "some things are best kept under wraps and are more interesting if shared with select folks."

I can't say I disagree.

Sex is an incredibly intimate expression of love, and that's how it should stay.

No one wants to know how many times a day

you masturbate, how many people you've had sex with or what your favorite positions are.

If you take the passion out of sex and degrade it by putting it in print, it becomes less of an act of love and more like watching promiscuous college students get it on.

I understand "freedom of expression" and that writing about women's roles in masturbation and pornography might be seen as "empowering". However, I don't think that vulgarity on these topics will bring women any closer to liberation.

Sex is an incredibly relevant topic on college campuses. But a more pertinent topic, and ultimately more interesting, would be the relational aspect of intimacy, something readers can relate to whether they're having sex or not.

This column should make newspaper read all over, not make its readers red all over. The private and intimate nature of sexuality is exploited and ultimately disregarded if the focus rests solely on self-gratification.

Letter to the Editor: Mistakes in Presidential Selection Process Hurt Students, Alumni Alike

As a fairly recent alumnus of UMW, I'm still reeling from the news that President Hamble has resigned. Unless Judy Hamble becomes an alcoholic before June 30, this situation can't become much more of a disaster for those of us trying to find jobs, or in my case a second job after being laid off, and listing UMW on our resumes.

Now, instead of receiving friendly comments about UMW's recent rise in the rankings, I'm sure that I will soon be met with questions about our "presidential situation" (and of course, blank stares from those who have never heard of UMW).

At any rate, the *Bullet's* Staff Editorial, published on Feb. 24, makes a number of excellent points. I would like to highlight and expand upon one of them: "The first step...is to open the hiring process."

This will be by far the most critical step that the University can take to end the succession of debates that have plagued it since William Frawley's ouster in 2007. The previous search committee made an extremely serious blunder in deciding to employ a "closed-door" presidential selection strategy. The committee that selected Frawley was open, but even that was not open enough. We need intense public scrutiny in our next presidential search, and we need it early on in the process.

While I understand that the search committee that selected Hamble had only the best intentions and was seeking to attract a stronger applicant pool, cutting out the bulk of the UMW community was not only unfair, but also foolish. I believe that the justification for this course of action was that a stronger applicant pool would be available if the search were more private, as candidates would feel more comfortable when subjected to less scrutiny.

This is akin to saying that in order to avoid scaring off qualified candidates in the U.S. presidential election, we should not allow their pasts to be scrutinized by the people they will be elected to serve.

The closed-door strategy seems to make the implicit assumption that truly fit candidates for the presidency of a university are somehow shy, hypersensitive and not used to public scrutiny.

Furthermore, this strategy does exactly what it sets out to do—it makes candidates feel completely insulated from public scrutiny. Unfortunately, that's exactly what we don't want.

I thought Hamble did a lot of great things as president, but in truth, her sudden departure could have been anticipated, or at least raised as a possi-

bility, before she was selected as president. A simple Google search reveals that Hamble's tenures at previous positions have sometimes been productive, but also controversial and short-lived. Sound familiar?

If the previous search committee had opened its doors to the public, this would have been dredged up and fully addressed long before we selected Judy Hamble as our president.

I have the following suggestions for the committee that supervises the next search:

-Be transparent as early as possible and as frequently as possible. Whenever possible, involve the extended UMW community (including students, parents, administrators, faculty and alumni) with every step that they can reasonably get involved with.

-Early in the selection process, publicize the names of the 10 or 20 most qualified candidates being considered. If over 4,000 people are involved in thoroughly researching the backgrounds of these candidates, issues like the ones Frawley and Hamble had in their pasts won't slip under the radar. The *Bullet* is in a perfect position to help disseminate information and assess student reactions to the selection process.

-Don't select someone who is a member of the UMW community. We need another outsider with objective strategic vision. I disagree with the claim that the person who is our next president must be someone with intimate knowledge of our institution. Adding this requirement to the selection process narrows the candidate pool too much. It's tempting to think that Hamble's failure to remain a committed partner to the UMW community was caused by the fact that she was an outsider, but I don't believe that this was the real problem.

We need UMW's next president to be a person with drive, passion, strategic vision, intelligence and ambition, all things that I believe Judy Hamble possessed. But we need someone who will not get embroiled in intra-administrative conflicts, and who will remain committed to our university. And yes, alumni and students are affected and do care.

To modify an old saying, 5,000 heads are better than 30 (or however many people were involved in the selection of Hamble). It is imperative that the entire UMW community be involved in the selection of our next president.

Phil White graduated in December of 2008.

Facebook Great, But Friendships Need Effort

Ten years from now, the class of 2010 will reunite in Fredericksburg to reminisce about the good times in college. As early as a year from now, some of us will be going to a five-year high school reunion. The only reason I ever wanted to go to any of my high school reunions was to see who was the CEO and who was still waiting to grow up.

Nowadays, it seems like there's no purpose in going to these functions. Facebook has become the interactive yearbook, where the pictures change every month to reflect what people look like now.

Instead of being surprised to find out your high school ex is married, you can easily stalk him online. A simple search for his name and a click on his profile will lead you to his relationship status, along with pictures from both the engagement and wedding.

While looking at people from my childhood's Facebook profiles can be quite a guilty pleasure, there are times where I wish I could still think of them as just "that kid who ate paste." The same goes for the people I babysit. I see them with a cup of beer instead of a cup of apple juice in their profile picture.

While Facebook has been great for keeping in

touch, it has made me realize that you can't catch up with someone anymore.

It's a great way for people to reconnect with old friends and keep in touch with current ones, but make sure that it doesn't become the only way you communicate. The art of writing letters has died for many, but a simple e-mail or phone call means more than just looking at recent updates. As we graduate, keep that in mind.

It's important to move on after college, but keeping those close friendships you made during these past couple of years is important as well. If there's one thing I don't regret from high school, it's that I kept in touch with a handful of friends. One of my best friends was just a good friend in high school, but since college, we text or call each other on an almost daily basis.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that Facebook can be a good starting point for keeping in touch, but it takes effort from both parties for it to remain a real friendship. Next year, there may be a five-year high school reunion, but I'm not sure if I'll attend. The people I like still talk to, and everyone else is a click away.

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Viewpoints

Breaks Essential for Relieving School Pressures

We're halfway done with the spring semester. What does that mean? Well, it means that all those papers and projects you've put off are going to be due before you know it. But remember that it's important to rise up from the depths of the library every now and then to take a breather from all of your research and typing. Here are a few simple tricks to help you survive due date insanity.

BAM: Take a walk. We're situated in a beautiful, scenic area. The campus has plenty of secluded places where you can just "be" and not have to worry about anyone or anything. Alternatively, head downtown to see the sights. The small-town historic feel is both appealing and relaxing. With the weather getting warmer, you have no reason not to get out and about! And for those of you cave dwellers like myself that like it cold, crank up your fans and AC units to create your own alpine paradise.

KED: I'm not a cold weather person at all. For the first time in what feels like forever, I'm not freezing every time I walk outside. With it being warmer, I have more of a desire to get out and just sit on a bench and read, or to take out an old towel and sprawl out on the lawn. But if the outdoors isn't really your thing, there are always study rooms. Change up your chosen four walls.

BAM: You don't have to feel imprisoned by those walls though! Make your space more conducive to fit your ideal creative atmosphere. Turn on some music or the TV if you need background

noise. Also, a break can actually be extremely helpful to the writing process. I am a firm believer that your brain has an expiration date. If you work too hard at something for too long, it is bound to stagnate. Do something totally different or work on another assignment to switch gears and rejuvenate your mind. Then you can re-

turn to your original project with a refreshed fervor. You will find you are able to notice more mistakes and make an essay flow better once you have given it time to marinate before turning it in.

KED: Do not let yourself get too far behind! Procrastination might give you a few minutes now, but will only drag out the whole process later. Plus, if you start earlier, you will finish sooner and be better prepared, setting yourself up for a greater reward. If you feel you have missed something you need for a project, test,

etc. see if you can sit in on a different class section. Alternatively, if you need a total break from your current task, see if you can sit in a class in a subject you like. For instance, if you're writing a long paper for an English class, see if you can sit in on an Art History class for the fun of it!

BAM: Procrastination is going to be your greatest enemy now, so make sure you keep an eye on how long your breaks are. If you're reading this and have something major due in a month, start it now. You will be doing yourself a favor. It is so much easier to break work down into smaller, more

digestible bites than to get completely overwhelmed all at once. You can only blame yourself if you get bogged down because you chose to wait.

KED: One of my favorite ways to get away is by taking a nap. Naps are not just for little kids anymore, and they always help me to hit a project

with much-needed energy. If you are going to nap, though, make sure that it's not for a long time, or you will wake up sleepier and less inclined to work. Also, make sure you set that alarm clock and actually get up when it goes off. If you can't take your mind off of the project, trying to fall asleep might not be the best idea. Only take a nap when it is most useful for you to do so.

BAM: If you are like me, sometimes you're just too awake during the day to ever take a nap. That's when, instead of turning off, I simply slow down. Try watching TV for half an hour. Check your e-mail. Surf the Internet. Do something you love.

KED: Take out a coloring book and some crayons. Go back to finger painting. Anything. Not only do you get some cool new artwork for your room or to give to a friend, but also you get to express yourself and release your anger and frustration in a more positive way than, let's say, punching a door. If you don't have anything to color with or on, print out a page from a Web site and use colored pens instead!

Well, there you have it—how to survive the deadline crunch. In all honesty, it all comes down to time management. It is so vital that it is arguably your most valuable skill as a college student, and it's one you need to learn if you haven't mastered it already. Try to spread things out so you don't get too overwhelmed, and take breaks every now and then to avoid getting too weighed down. Now get to work!

According to Amanda... For The Love of Pop

BY AMANDA BOCCUTI
Columnist

When people ask me what my tastes in music are, I usually give them the abridged version. I reel off a sampling of artists that make me seem like a diverse listener, which I am. Growing up with parents that were music teachers helped me cultivate an appreciation for artists ranging from Billy Joel to Mozart to Frank Sinatra to Journey at a pretty young age.

I'm also incredibly impressionable. My love for the Goo-Goo Dolls, Keane, Radiohead, Ben Kweller and Michael Bublé stemmed from a smattering of burned CDs my older brother gave me for Christmas one year. My little brother made me listen to the album "Only by the Night," last May and I have been nursing an obsession with Kings of Leon ever since.

The one genre I exclude when telling people what kind of music I like, though, is pop music—top 40, hear-it-on-the-radio, frothy pop.

It all started with Britney Spears. Her album "...Baby One More Time" was the first CD I purchased on my own. I was in elementary school at the time, and I had planned the purchase for weeks. I had seen previews of the infamous schoolgirl music video and instantly loved the song.

I still remember how my older brother mocked me when I got back into the car after buying the Britney Spears CD at Best Buy. My mom reprimanded him, but I couldn't care less. It was mine, and I had bought it all for me.

For a while, liking Britney Spears and similar pop artists was socially acceptable. Then I hit late middle school, the time in adolescence when everyone desperately tries to be unique while simultaneously fitting in. Britney was out and Blink 182 was in.

I indulged my love for pop privately. I would watch VH1 early in the morning while eating breakfast and listen attentively to the radio on the bus ride to school. I'll be the first to admit the Britney Spear's documentary "For the Record" made me tear up.

Despite my longstanding love for the genre, it wasn't until I came to college that I realized just how useful it could be. I quickly realized that any academic task is far more exciting and tolerable when I'm listening to upbeat, kicky music.

Pop music is equally helpful in the office and at the gym. Listening to Lady Gaga reference "disco sticks" and Flo Rida describe "apple-bottom jeans" feels a lot less perverse when I'm running on the treadmill as opposed to sitting in a cubicle.

Plus, during a 30-minute abs class that is kicking both my abs and my ass, there is really something inspiring about hearing Kesha's autotuned voice tell me she woke up feeling like P. Diddy.

Three Cheers for Partisan Politics

By THOMAS BOWMAN
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

The era of partisan politics is over! Or so we thought. After President Obama was elected, the skies over Washington were supposed to clear up; the fog of partisanship would be rolled back; the congressmen on Capitol Hill would gather around a big campfire under the capitol dome while holding hands and singing "Kumbaya."

All that was missing was a big optimistic rainbow descending from the heavens as a promise never to play partisan politics again. Imagine my surprise when that didn't go exactly as we'd imagined.

Somewhere along the line, we forgot that people still have their personal convictions, and that there are different philosophies on the role of government. We forgot that while partisan politics can be frustrating at times, it is the backbone of America's two-party system.

To be partisan is to be partial to a specific party. There is nothing wrong with preferring one party over another. For something to be bipartisan, it must be supported by members of both parties. Bills that are bipartisan are typically something small that everybody can agree on, like more jobs, clean water, reducing the deficit, etc.

However, when major issues are on the line, the last thing we want our congressman to be is bipartisan. When we vote for someone in a spe-

cific party, we are supposed to know exactly what we are going to get. Voting for a Republican usually means tax cuts are coming, while voting for a Democrat usually means domestic issues are going to be addressed.

We vote for a Republican or Democrat because we want them to advance a certain political philosophy. We literally get to overthrow the government every two years if our priorities change or if our congressman fails us.

When the goal of politics is to be bipartisan, suddenly political philosophies cease to matter. The party lines get blurred and whom you vote for might as well be the winner of a coin toss. The point of partisanship is that it forces our constituents to find a compromise.

Liberals and conservatives have two very different approaches to government. They will each create a different plan of action for an issue. Then, unless one party has a super-majority, they will have to seek compromise and reconcile the two plans until both sides have parts they like and don't like.

Compromise after compromise over a long period of time is how you can change government policies. That's how the United States government works, and if you don't like what your congressman is doing, you can vote them out of office in the next election cycle. Our mistake in 2008 was to believe that immediate change was plausible.

Change isn't flashy. It happens through small

groups of people who passionately believe in what they're doing. Change happens in back-room deals without cameras and Hollywood glamour. Change happens slowly and the process isn't nearly as exciting as we would like.

Slow, gradual change prevents legislators from making knee-jerk reactions. Partisans bicker and quibble for months, years and even decades. It allows the best possible bill to be put on the president's desk.

When the goal is to be bipartisan, it means acquiescing and losing your backbone. It means groupthink, or the lack of individual creativity and sense of personal responsibility. If bipartisanship was the rule in Washington, the government would be comprised of far-flung reactionaries charging head-first into a brick wall.

When we have partisan politics, it forces us to stop and think "wait a minute, is this really the best thing to do?" Partisans force debate on the issues that affect American citizens. Debate leads to the opening of minds and the increase of knowledge and available information.

I propose the revival of partisan politics. If you're the party with power, use it. If the people don't like what you're doing, they can vote you out of office. Wheel and deal in the back rooms of the Capitol building to get your constituents what they want. And voters, if you don't agree with the government's agenda, take advantage of your ability and legally overthrow the government.

Gynecologist Answers Intimate Questions

This Friday and Saturday, several UMW students will be acting in Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*. If you're not able to see the production this weekend, I highly encourage you to read the book. Either way, the monologues are thought-provoking and highly relatable.

Like Ensler, I have discovered that once you open the dialogue, women love to talk about their vaginas. At first, discussing sexual matters, especially female genitals, is quite awkward, even among friends. However, once the ball is rolling, I have found that women are intrigued by their own bodies. Women like to learn if they are normal "down there." They like to compare themselves and their sexual habits with those of other women. They like to listen to other women's stories of sexual exploration and discovery.

An important issue that tends to arise in my conversations with other women regarding vaginas and sexual health are visits to the gynecologist. Many women have fears, questions or stories of awkwardness related to gynecological exams. For this reason, I asked my gynecologist if she would answer a few questions during my last visit, in hopes of clearing up some questions and curiosities. I began with the basics, and then moved on to a few more interesting questions...

When should women begin seeing a gynecologist?

Women should see a gynecologist when they first become sexually active or when problems arise, such as menstrual problems, irregular or heavy periods, possible infections, pain, etc. Otherwise, a pap smear is not necessary until you are 21 years of age.

Concerning confidentiality, what are doctors required to tell parents? If a woman relies on her parents' insurance for billing, is the doctor obligated to share the health information with the

parents and those who pay?

By law, doctors are not allowed to tell parents about a minor's STDs, pregnancy or other things related to pregnancy. [My gynecologist] informs parents of this law. The only way a parent may say your sexual health records is through the bill that he or she receives from your health insurance. For instance, the bill may say what tests were administered, such as STD testing.

Sexualizations
By ERIN HILL
Columnist

Do you find that most women shave their pubic hair or leave it "au naturel?"

It's about 50/50 overall. Most young women tend to shave some or all of it. Nearly everyone trims it in some way.

Is it true that Gardasil, the HPV vaccine, is now available to men? If so, can they obtain it at their normal doctor?

Yes! They should be able to get it from a normal physician. Because it is new, the doctor may not have it readily available. I highly encourage males to get the HPV vaccine.

Regarding female masturbation, do you believe it is healthy? Does the use of sex toys stretch the vagina too much? If stretched, will the vagina return to its original size?

Yes! It is a healthy and normal activity. Many women masturbate. Sex toys and masturbation do not significantly affect or permanently stretch the

vagina. Perhaps there would be a difference if a virgin began using sex toys, but even then, it's quite difficult to see a noticeable difference.

We talk about penis size. Do vaginas significantly vary in size and capacity from woman to woman?

Yes. In fact, there are big differences in size. Obviously, having children affects the size. In general, length varies. Women have longer vaginas depending on where they are in their "sexual response cycle." In addition to lubricating itself, the vagina, too, grows in size during periods of arousal. As it reaches the plateau and climax phase, the vagina swells and becomes much larger than its original size.

I've noticed that girls who live in close quarters with each other, such as a dorm setting, tend to have similar menstrual cycles. Is this biological?

Yes. The scientific evidence varies but most data illustrates that cohabitation tends to have a synchronizing effect on menstrual cycles and ovulation.

One piece of advice to young women?

Protect yourself. Use a condom. Get your guy tested. You do not want to be visiting [the gynecologist] frequently because you weren't cautious. Having HPV requires frequent visits and cervical samples. [The gynecologist] would much rather see you once a year for your exam to make sure you are healthy and well, as opposed to frequent visits to check the status of your sexually transmitted disease.

I interviewed my gynecologist, Dr. Jill Gaines of Physicians to Women in Roanoke, Va. Many thanks to her for allotting some time to answer my questions, despite the fact that she had to deliver twins following my appointment!

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 Best Pizza: _____
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 Most Overrated Major: _____
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Around Campus

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 Best Place to Eat on Campus: _____
 Most Creative Use of the Monroe Fountain: _____
 Best Student Religious Club: _____
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 Best Sledding Hill: _____
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Athletics

- Best Men's Team: _____
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 Best Team to Party With: _____
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Entertainment

My Date With Kenan Thompson

By DAVID GALLAGHER
Entertainment Editor

Kenan Thompson was not that funny, but he was really, really cool.

About 20 minutes before the now-grown child star was supposed to go on stage, I snuck into Dodd Auditorium and snooded around the place, looking for a glimpse of the big man. I spoke with his manager, who told me that interview requests needed to be at least a week in advance. Luckily for us, nobody stops the *Bullet* from getting the interviews we want. I sweet-talked Kenan's manager into giving me a few minutes of the SNL star's time. As the auditorium filled, his manager led me back behind the stage and down to the building basement to a few unfinished basement rooms that apparently served as our dressing rooms for musical and comedic guests.

She put me in one of the rooms that contained only two small chairs, like the ones they put in third grade class rooms, and told me Kenan would be there shortly. A few seconds later, a large black man walked into the room and said, "Alright bud, you got about two minutes."

Kenan reached out his hand to give me what I thought was a normal hand shake but turned out to be a more hip greeting than I expected. What ensued felt like an eternity of inappropriate hand touching and near-back patting. His hands were soft but his fingernails were kind of long.

He rolled in wearing mirrored sunglasses, some baggy Jordan sweat pants and a clean pair of basketball shoes peaking out from underneath. He never took the sunglasses off, which made him seem a bit intimidating, even though his baby face was still under there.

At this point, I was quite nervous. Kenan was now the most famous person I'd ever met, although my dad did go to high school with Tony Danza. I summoned my most reporter-like voice and began to ask him a few questions.

Before going out on stage, Kenan jokingly said that he, "usually panics to death, cries, throws up and then goes out there." This may speak to Kenan's stand-up style. I think most of the audience would agree that Kenan's style

was very different from most comedians, and different from what they expected.

From what Kenan said, and his presentation, it seemed like he was new to stand-up. As a child, he was more used to doing movie and TV

shows, but was very inexperienced just doing stand-up comedy. For that reason, it seems like Kenan was probably more nervous than your standard comedian. Nevertheless, he said that every time he has to go on stage, he "just has

those nerves, those butterflies. You have to turn them into butterflies."

Kenan's favorite comedians, and those who influenced him were "probably every black comedian before me," he said. "Dave Chappelle, Damian Wayans, all the Wayans really, Martin Lawrence, Eddie Murphy. Even people who don't look like me. From Steve Martin on down."

Kenan, who has had the most success on TV shows, said he actually preferred making movies. "Movies are a lot of fun," he told me. "The big budget stuff. Everyone's got trailers, drivers and stuff. It feels like the big time."

My biggest question of the night pertained to a late night guilty pleasure of mine from about 10th grade. Around midnight on weekdays, a little-watched show called "Dance 360" came on. "Dance 360" was a precursor to popular dance shows like "So You Think You Can Dance" and "America's Best Dance Crew," but was hosted by Kenan's former comedic partner, Kel Mitchell. The show was completely ridiculous and I regret to say that I ever watched it, but it was good material to talk to Kenan about.

"Haha, yea, I've seen it. I thought it was pretty funny, but Kel took it all serious. I don't know why. But it just kind of fizzled out like I expected."

If you went to the show at Dodd, you already know the rest of the story. Kenan was personable on stage, but as one Giant Productions employee put it, "basically read off his IMDB page." However, what really made Kenan an enjoyable guest at Dodd was the time he took after the show to meet students and fans. After a substantial question and answer period, Kenan took a seat on the edge of the stage, and talked to and took pictures with fans for close to an hour. He even remembered me, although not by name but by the affectionate "Newspaper Boy." He did seem genuinely flattered when I told him he was the most famous person I'd ever interviewed.

Then I left. It felt almost morally wrong to leave a room with a celebrity in it. Usually at events like Kenan's show, the celebrity always leaves first and then the audience trails out. In Kenan's case, it looked like he planned to meet with every last person who wanted to talk to him before he was ready to leave.



Kenan bringing down the house in Dodd Auditorium on Feb. 18.

courtesy of Nate Delano

Leonardo and Martin do it Again

By DAVID TINDELL
Staff Writer

Who knew two men could produce so well? Hate them or love them, Scorsese and DiCaprio are the hottest Hollywood couple. Since the release of "Gangs of New York" (love) in 2002, Leo has been the lead in every film Martin Scorsese has directed. "The Aviator" (hate) in 2004, 2006's "The Departed" (love), and their latest affair "Shutter Island" (love) which released last Friday.

"Shutter Island" begins with Federal Marshal Teddy Daniels (Leo) who has been called to an eery psychiatric ward off the New England shore (you guess the name). The island hosts a collection of the worst kinds of murderers, rapists, and dangerous maniacs. With the endless stream of turns and twists, the biggest question to me is how do I review "Shutter Island" without ruining it?

From the previews, Martin Scorsese's adaptation of Dennis Lehane's period-thriller novel promises "sh** your pants" thrills and "holy sh***" screams. However, those looking to be shocked will be surprised (in a bad way). What "Shutter Island" actually becomes is a thought provoking psychological thriller. One part cautionary tale and two parts action, the movie is the delicious balance of drama and bite.

Although the overall plot

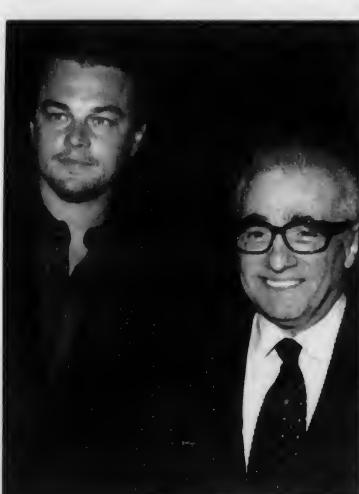
seems simplistic, the depth of "Shutter Island" comes from the 1950s period itself. The combined narratives of the WWII veteran, manic depressed housewife and the current state of mental care offers analogies which are at the least compelling. Whether or not they were properly fleshed out in the film, the sort of "mistrust" of the different stories at least adds intrigue to the film.

Anyone who sees "Shutter Island" will love watching it. The photography and cinematography are of Scorsese's finest work (best since "Raging Bull"), and you will want to rewind the dream/hallucination sequences until they get stuck in your mind.

With new action and questions raised at every turn, "Shutter Island" keeps the audience at a very enjoyable pace. You can be assured that the 138 minutes will remind you how Scorsese's style pulled off the 178 minutes of "Casino" from 1995. And just like "The Departed," you

HAVE to watch "Shutter Island" at least twice in order to fully understand the movie.

The main disappointment of "Shutter Island" is that it fails to thrill. Although a lot of apprehension is raised, nothing ever validates the suspicion. After a while, the audience needs more than scary music to be frightened. Additionally, for those who expect blood (like any good Scorsese movie), leave your fangs at home because not a lot of gore really happens.



Hollywood's hottest couple, Scorsaprio

courtesy of nymag.com

Student Art Show At duPont Gallary



"Rose Bowl," a stoneware piece by senior Hannah Woll.

courtesy of Paul Tindell

By ISAAC WHALEN
Staff Writer

For Mary Washington art majors, senior thesis papers are made up of many different objects, sometimes even animal bones.

A compilation of 37 art pieces from nine different artists made up "Yes Loitering," this year's senior art exhibit that was displayed from Feb. 13 to 19. Conceived and created entirely by senior art majors, the exhibition ranged in pieces from mobiles to installation pieces. This one show only scratched the surface of the senior talent, with another exhibit opening this Friday. The opening reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday in duPont Gallery.

These exhibits are the art major equivalent to a senior thesis. All art majors are expected to participate in an exhibition to graduate, either portfolio submission or otherwise. With so many different pieces and only a handful of artists presenting, it is not uncommon to see one artist stretch across different mediums. In the first show Samantha Rizzo's "Bisqued Bones" consisted of actual animal bones while her other work "Anatomy" was a series of engravings. Kimberly Quarforth on the other hand, constructed three installation pieces to "Yes Loitering," each on a different subject.

One stroll around the exhibit's floor showed the vast amount of work put into each piece. Rachel Zeiler's work "Swarm," from the first show, consisted of multiple hand drawn dragonflies hung as a mobile. Various other sculptures and installation pieces clearly portray the commitment they required. Many of the pieces were from this year, but a few of them went back as far as 2008.

The Mary Washington community is strongly encouraged to come to the art at these exhibits. Many of the pieces push the boundaries of their medium as well as expression. A profound artistic experience is guaranteed for all who attend. Viewers will experience art in new ways, as well as what art majors do at the university. Quarforth hopes that through this show the university and surrounding community will gain an understanding of all that we [art majors] have learned and how far we have grown throughout our artistic studies at UMW."

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the week and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekend. "Yes Loitering" ended on Feb. 19, but another show is lined up for March 12-19. It features a whole new set of artists as well as new works. Admission is free and all are invited to come and enjoy the exhibit.

Features

History Goes Digital

By ERIN COX
Staff Writer

UMW's History Department Offers a New Kind of Seminar

Amidst the droll of typical morning classes in Annex A, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, one class attempts to break the traditional pedagogical mold.

It's the second time Dr. Jeffrey McClurken, associate professor of history, and department chair has taken on the senior seminar he created two years ago titled "Adventures in Digital History."

The course "balances intellectual pursuits with [the] practical realities of finding a job," McClurken said.

The 16 students, all juniors and seniors, are broken into four groups, each focusing their time on separate projects to be completed over the semester.

The students had the opportunity to choose their topics, which include the James Monroe papers, the history and legacy of Mary Ball Washington, a comprehensive organizational system to identify the thousands of unnamed alum in the UMW archives, and research on the history of Civil War hospitals in the Fredericksburg area.

All of the projects are related in some way to the history of the Fredericksburg area, to the university, and are "locally related with larger implications," McClurken said.

The course incorporates both an instructional base from both the professor and UMW's teaching and learning tech staff, as well as coordinated small group efforts. McClurken said the course redefines the traditional senior seminar packed with reading one book a week and writing a final research paper by providing a "very different approach." "Think about what things we might accomplish if in groups," he said.

During the semester, in addition to traditional lectures and readings from their online textbook, the groups must compile a contract, including their intentions for the project, and a timeline by which they are to complete it.

They then work together to build a web site presenting an exhibit of that information. Additionally, for the first four weeks, UMW's teaching and learning tech staff provided informational sessions on a different online tool once a week. This "digital tool kit" introduces, and "almost intentionally overwhelms" the students with a wide array of programs and sites which can be used towards the development of their websites, McClurken said. These tools include delicious.com, omeka, gmail documents and google wave, Murphy said.

The hands-on interactive tutorials provide real time demonstrations according to senior Jonathan Wigington, one of the students taking the seminar.

"This is really helpful because you are doing it as they are teaching you, and you are able to ask questions at any juncture," he said.

The students aren't being extensively trained in each program, but simply introduced to each one's potential because of the rapidity of programs becoming obsolete. By doing this, Adventures in Digital History is "not fundamentally changing what history does, but changing the tools used to present the story or narrative," McClurken said. The class will continue to visit issues of copyright, new techniques, etc. throughout the semester, molding to the quickly changing technological environment.

A class without formal evaluations of each individual's progress warrants uncertainties towards free riders, as well as recognition for outstanding work. Which is why McClurken has emphasized transparency in all project



Courtesy of Ciaran Brennan



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UMW junior Ciaran Brennan spent a year studying in Spain at the University of Duesto in Bilbao.

A Year Spent Abroad

Universidad de Duesto

By MEGAN EICHENBERG
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Ciaran Brennan is wrapping up his junior year at UMW, but unlike the students returning from winter break, it had been much longer than four weeks since he stepped through the doors of Combs Hall.

The Spanish and business major recently returned to UMW after spending the spring, summer and fall 2009 semesters studying abroad as a student at the University of Duesto in Bilbao, Spain.

Brennan was contemplating a transfer from UMW to Georgetown University when a conversation about the University of Duesto with Jose Sainz, associate professor of Spanish, influenced him to remain at UMW and consider studying abroad at the partner institution instead.

A private Catholic university founded in 1886, the University of Duesto is located in the Basque country of northern Spain and offers several courses in association with UMW, according to the Modern Foreign Languages Spanish department website.

Brennan made the decision to pursue a yearlong education nearly 4,000 miles from Fredericksburg and weeks

later, after registering for the program through the Office of International Academic Services and spending some time at his family property in Ireland, he boarded an Iberia Airlines plane bound for Spain.

Throughout his flight and an 8-hour layover, Brennan began to experience his first inkling of cultural differences as Spanish conversation flowed around him.

"It took awhile to get used to, but being immersed in a language, you pick it up pretty quick," said Brennan, who recalls feelings of excitement and adventure as he gazed from the plane's window to see cities like Madrid thousands of miles beneath him.

Brennan wasn't the only UMW student who journeyed across the Atlantic

in 2009.

From the fall of 2007 to the winter of 2009, 680 students studied abroad, according to statistics from the Office of International Academic Services.

Spain is the most popular destination for UMW students with more than 150 students studying in the country during that time frame, followed by France and Italy with more than 50 students each.

Several other countries have also hosted students from UMW, including Trinidad and Tobago, Israel, and South Africa.

Leslie Leahy, assistant director of international academic services, said students interested in studying abroad should begin looking into programs during their freshman year, although it is never too late.

Located in Lee Hall Room 434, the Office of International Academic

Services holds a Fall Education Abroad Fair and Open House annually and maintains information on study abroad programs in its office and on its web site.

"We're here and ready to talk," Leahy said. "We try to have our student workers available. The best way to learn about it is through other students studying abroad."

Students have the option of studying abroad for a semester or year during a spring, summer or winter break.

On its web site, the Office of International Academic Services has brochures and fliers detailing 14 UMW faculty-led programs offered by several different departments and 16 semester and year-long programs.

Leahy said either elective or major credits can be earned while abroad, including the experiential learning requirement required for students matriculating fall 2008 and after.

At the University of Duesto, Brennan was able to complete several credits toward his major through courses in Spanish literature, economics, marketing and business that were held Mondays through Thursdays.

"Academically, it was incredible. I See SPAIN page 8 ▶

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID...

By JORDAN KROLL
Staff Writer

I thought for sure everyone at my roommate's birthday party would find my homemade "JonBenet had a bitchy face?" shirt hilarious.

I was wrong. Admittedly, I'm not always a beacon of good judgment and I've been known to take jabs too far, but I had no idea that shirt could upset, well, anyone.

According to a few guests at the party, not only is the shirt "insensitive, offensive, and crass," but I'm "morally bankrupt" for designing such a treasure.

Duh. Isn't that the point of wearing something like that? Let's be real: If I took the time to cut out and iron the letters onto the shirt and I'm wearing it to a function where I knew there'd be people I've never met, it is even likely that I care what you think unless you're telling me how funny I am?

At the time, I wrote all of the **JON BENET HAD A BITCHY FACE** off as pageant girl fetishists who couldn't know a good joke if it was served as a dead girl in their base.

"They have bitchy faces!" I said to friends the next day, but clearly the criticism mattered more than I had ever anticipated. It just took a few weeks to resonate.

I now know that, despite what my intentions may be, the shirt is legitimate, discriminatory.

But, just as my intent may not give me the right to wear such tasteless garments from the store, who may not appreciate them, so hyper sensitivity like this is not to berate me because they don't care what I'm saying.

Maybe I'm missing something, but I still don't understand why people take what I say (or wear) so seriously. I don't even take what I say seriously 99% of the time. That does make me unaccountable for my words, but I can't help but wonder

why people don't lighten up.

When there are girls pos-

turing themselves on Face-

book, how is that any worse

than being a self-proclaimed asshole in a t-

shirt? I don't think it's funny how I feel when I'm faced with the kind of bored Westboro Baptist Church promotes. I'm confused, to say the least.

Obviously this is a lesson in tolerance on myriad levels. I need to be sensitive to the fact that not everyone has my peculiar sense of right and wrong and I shouldn't be surprised when people disagree with me or take one of my statements too seriously.

On the flip side, let's acknowledge that drunk girl in a t-shirt isn't the way to spend a Saturday night.

So yeah, I guess my sense of humor,

Charlize Theron's haircuts in music sucks, but I'll do whatever it takes to scold you the next time you make a bitchy face. I battles for all of us.

Courtesy of Kaitlin Mayhew

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formats. One half of the assessment at the conclusion of the semester is on how well the group adhered to their original contracts, as well as an evaluation of the final product. Additionally, the other half analyzes the individual's participation, and rewards those who contributed immense efforts.

McClurken said the students were warned ahead of time about the structure and difficulty of the class, emphasizing that it would be unlike anything else they had done. They needed to go into the semester "trusting me not to take advantage of the unusual nature" of the class.

"The class is very different from what I am used to, and I think it will be extremely useful in the future," MacKenzie Murphy, another student said. "Especially if I work in the kind of job where I have to have skills to work in groups, build a web site, be able to present a certain type of information in an effective, visually pleasing way."

The class format offers a break to

students, many of whom spend 14 to 18 hours a week in a lecture formatted classes.

"I benefit much more from this type of environment, a hands on approach to learning," Wigginton said.

While there are few courses like this at the undergraduate level, George Washington University has incorporated the digital history idea into their graduate program for their Department of History and Art History. This emerging style of teaching, as well as McClurken's class, have been reported on and talked about in various educational publications including the American Historical Association online; EduCause, a nonprofit organization advocating for the use of information technology in higher education; and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

This inclusion of online tools increases the ability of a project to move from just a teacher-student readership base, to a public piece of information.

The projects live on after they're done, [it is a] persistent resource that's left behind," McClurken said.



Students working in groups as a part of their Digital History seminar.

Erin Cox/Bullet

Scouts Meet Benin Ambassador

By HEATHER BRADY
Staff Writer

The ambassador to the U.S. from Benin, Cyrille Oguin, enchanted over 160 Girl Scouts and adult volunteers by speaking against poverty at Thinking Day in Great Hall.

The Feb. 20 event was hosted by the Campus Scouts, the Mary Washington Girl Scouts club. Thinking Day occurs annually around the country, and usually incorporates a general theme that each area Girl Scout troop will research and present.

This year the event focused specifically on impoverished countries and the actions that these girls can take to help the situation.

"If you can't afford three meals a day, your life is hell," Oguin told the packed room of Scouts and adults, who listened attentively during his keynote address.

Oguin painted a picture of life in Benin, his native African country, emphasizing that poverty is the number one problem in Africa. He said that there is little to no access to education, health care or entertainment.

"I believe there is enough [wealth] in the world for everyone to afford three meals a day," he told the room.

He also outlined his nation's desire for unity.

"We are going through our own process of becoming a nation," Oguin said. "To become a nation...you need a common will, a common history. But we are not [a nation] yet."

Oguin, who has been ambassador to the U.S. since 2001 and who has been heavily involved in diplomacy for Benin since 1978, gave the room



Courtesy of Erin Burke

Cyrille Oguin, ambassador to the U.S. from Benin, speaking to Girl Scouts.

a bit of Benin's background. He said that there are 50 languages for the country's 8 million inhabitants, another roadblock to the nation that the country desires to create.

He also encouraged the girls to get involved and help to solve these problems.

"Don't judge by your own realities here," he told them. "Don't be shy. You are a Girl Scout."

He told the *Bullet* later that al-

though his country isn't engaged in a war currently, they need to wage war against poverty.

"It is very rewarding to know in this place, a place of affluence, there are still people who care enough to know that there are still some people who cannot afford three meals a day," he said. "It is refreshing. I should be here to encourage those young people who have this 'thinking' today. Those young people—they will be the ones

who bring change to the world."

Oguin was contacted to speak by Pamela Bridgewater, the former U.S. ambassador to Benin, who attends Shiloh Baptist Church with local Girl Scout leaders Giovanni Smith, of Daisy Troop 381, and Joyce Hill, of Brownie Junior Troop 3164, Smith said. Juanita Pitchford, who is affiliated with the troops that chose to present the country of Benin and who attends the same church, connected

the Scouts and the ambassador.

Erin Burke, the president of Campus Scouts, said that this Thinking Day event was atypical.

"Normally it doesn't have this kind of theme, and that was my intention," Burke said. "Normally they just do projects on islands of the world, or some very general theme that doesn't touch on a controversial topic. But I was given a choice to do this theme by the [Fredericksburg area Girl Scouts] director, Gail Domeleski. I just thought it would be a really good opportunity to make it different and make it memorable, and to provide a good message."

Burke was surprised by the large outcome of girls and adults and by their enthusiasm. She also enjoyed having Oguin come and speak to the girls, in light of the more controversial aspect of the topic she'd chosen for the event.

"He was eager to talk to us and excited to talk to the girls, which I really appreciated," Burke said. "I agreed with him that these girls [at their age] probably don't know anything about world poverty. They don't know about third world nations."

Burke said that most of the girls present at the event are still forming their opinions about the world.

"So for him to say that they can actually do something about this and that they can grow up to do something about this problem was a really good message for them [to hear]," she said.

Studying Overseas

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learned so much. My teachers were just geniuses," said Brennan, who took a course with one professor who was a consultant for the European Central Bank in addition to his teaching duties.

The campus also is right in the heart of town, said Brennan, and is near several museums, shops, restaurants and bars.

In addition to excursions that exposed Brennan to cultural sites, museums and landmarks of the city, cheap airfare enabled him to also explore other regions around the globe, including cities in Italy, Greece, Germany and France.

"The experience is incomparable," Brennan said. "Just being out there and seeing the rest of the world is worth everything."

As a student employee in the Office

of International Academic Services, Brennan said he also was able to return to UMW with ideas for the office and draws on his experiences to assist students interested in going abroad.

Each of the seven student aides in the office have studied abroad or have plans to study abroad, Brennan said, and work to help students figure out their goals of studying abroad, search for programs and educate students on aspects like obtaining a VISA, payment and pre-departure procedures.

"When a student comes in, we drop everything to help them out as much as possible," Brennan said. "All of the student aides are marvelous people and superbly knowledgeable...who can't help but make you want to study abroad."

Brennan, who is contemplating studying abroad again during a summer program, is undecided about what he wants to do after he graduates, but

is confident his time abroad had opened up leads.

"Deusto set me up with a lot of contacts and networks through which I can work later," he said. "It's completely different than any experience you'll have in Spain."

On the UMW Study Abroad! Facebook page maintained by the Office of International Academic Services, photographs, links to videos and discussions that highlight UMW student experiences abroad are featured.

In a post written last month about The University of Deusto by Brennan, he gave the program a 5 out of 5 rating.

"I cannot recommend the program more," he wrote. "It's worth every expenditure, temporal and monetary alike. You won't regret your time in Bilbao, no matter how long you're there."

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CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA

Earthquake Strikes Near Dawn

On Saturday, Feb. 27, an 8.8-magnitude earthquake hit Chile, as reported by the *Washington Post*. As a result of the earthquake, Hawaii and Japan received tsunami warnings for several hours, according to the *Post*. However, this is not the first time Chile has experienced severe earthquake damage. As a result of previous disasters, the city was more prepared than Haiti was during the Jan. 12 attack, reported the *Post*. Also, the epicenter for the earthquake was deep underground at around 22 miles below the surface and 200 miles southwest of the capital, Santiago, according to the *Post*. As of Mar. 2, there were only 700 Chilean casualties, compared to 270,000 Haitian deaths, according to English.news.cn.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Parliament Elections Brings Hope for Democracy

Sunday, Mar. 7 was expected to be a day of history in Iraq, with 62 percent of the population voting for members of the new parliament to take power when US troops leave, according to the *Washington Post*. According to the *Post*, the vote also brought much turmoil and violence to the streets of Baghdad. On Tuesday, Mar. 9, it was reported by the *Post* that 55 candidates from the election were disqualified by a commission that was "empowered to screen government officials for loyalty to Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath Party". Former prime minister Ayad Allawi told the *Post* that the election changes could bring even more violence. "A lot of violence will take place, and God knows how this will end," Allawi said. "I will tell you there is already an existing feeling that there was widespread rigging and widespread intimidation." Election results are expected to be announced this week, according to the *Post*.



LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Former Child Actor Dies in Accidental Overdose

After suffering from several drug addictions, actor Corey Haim died at the age of 38 yesterday morning due to an "accidental overdose", according to the *Washington Post*. The actor was best known for his role in "The Lost Boys" and several other B-list movies in the 80's. He and partner-in-crime Cory Feldman were often dubbed the "Coreys" together in the 80's with several movie pairings, and later the show "The Two Coreys" debuting on A&E in 2007, as reported by the *Post*. The *Post* stated that the death of the young actor was announced by the Lt. Cheryl MacWillie of the LA Coroner's Office to the Associated Press at 2:15 a.m. Wednesday. She said no details of the autopsy would be released. In 2008, Feldman told People magazine that he wouldn't speak to Haim until he was sober, according to the *Post*. "I don't feel that he's a safe person to have around my wife and child at the moment, for a multitude of reasons," Feldman said. At the time of his death, Haim was ready to make his Hollywood comeback and had several movie roles in the works, according to the *LA Times*.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Cuccinelli Causes Controversy on Campuses

Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli has found himself under fire since sending a letter to the presidents, rectors, and board of visitors of public universities and colleges stating they "cannot prohibit discrimination against gays because the General Assembly has not authorized them to do so," according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. The letter is supposed to be taken "as the opinion and advice" from Cuccinelli, as reported by the *Dispatch*. UMW Board of Visitors Rector Nanalou Sauer told the *Dispatch* that the UMW policy "covers some things the attorney general says it can't." As a result of the letter, students from many public Virginia schools have started petitions and protests.

WASHINGTON, DC

Obama Promises Haitian Support

Two months after the earthquake in Haiti, President Obama promised continued US support as the country continues to recover, according to the *Washington Post*. "The situation on the ground remains dire, and people should be under no illusions that the crisis is over," Obama said after meeting with Haitian President René Préval, as reported by the *Post*. Préval, who is currently traveling in search of Haitian support, met with Obama on Tuesday, Mar. 9. The *Post* said that the estimated recovery costs of the deadly earthquakes may reach \$14 billion dollars, which would likely be managed by a multi-donor trust fund.

Finkelstein Will Be Chief Academic Officer for UMW

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possible, and to help us attract quality candidates," Emerson said.

The possible candidates sent their applications and were then required to fill out a questionnaire, including inquiries of the largest faculty, budget, and projects that they have been in charge of at previous academic institutions. Based on the answers given, the search committee then narrowed it down to a smaller group.

The search committee then interviewed an undisclosed number of candidates at an undisclosed airport hotel for two days.

"It was especially important that the search was confidential until the finalists were announced," Emerson said. "We did not want to jeopardize anyone's current employment."



Richard Finkelstein,
the new dean of
the College of Arts and
Sciences, is the chair of the
English department at
SUNY-Geneseo

From that a smaller group, the committee selected four finalists. The committee then made conference calls to previous employers and peers referencing the finalists. The reference process took place during the university's snow days in early February.

The three other finalists, in addition to Finkelstein, were Olu-funke A. Fontenot of Georgia College and State University, Allison Morrison-Shetlar of the University of Central Florida and John LaDuke of the University of North Dakota.

Each of the candidates visited UMW to interact with the students and faculty. They also conducted open forums in Dodd Auditorium as opportunities to allow the UMW community to ask questions about their plans if were are selected for the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

By ANGELA CUNEO

Staff Writer

After a little less than a year as a club, the Mock Trial Team at the University of Mary Washington is proving itself to be a success.

Last April, Ghislaine Storr Burks, an Attorney at Law whose practice is located in the city of Fredericksburg, came to UMW to speak at a seminar concerning the topic of "How to Get into Law School." Anna Lindeman, then a junior, also attended this seminar with an idea of starting a Mock Trial team at UMW.

Mock Trial is a program in which students participate in contrived or fake trials in order to learn skills and compete with one another.

After the presentation, Lindeman spoke to Storr, who has an extensive background in Mock Trial, about helping her to form a team.

"It flourished from there," Storr said, who later became the coach of the Mock Trial Team at UMW. "We then took over making it into a student club and contacting the American Mock Trial Association."

The association is the only organization that runs a Mock Trial competition on the college level.

In the spring of 2009, the club became officially recognized by OSACCS and by the fall they had their first tryouts.

As the coach, Storr does a lot to help the students learn the concepts of becoming an attorney. "I teach evidence, how to argue objectively; I teach them the rules of procedure

and how to handle and portray themselves," Storr said.

The team this year consists of President Anna Lindeman and members Chris Sjons, Shirin Afsoos, Chapin Fausel, Sarah Sanders, Kristin Tisdelle, Elena South and Julie Kennedy.

Afsoos said the team had extensive preparations for the club.

"Students who participate in mock trial get experience as to what lawyers do for their jobs each and every day," Afsoos said.

This year, the team met twice a week for five to ten hours in addition to individual meetings.

Because of all the time dedicated to the club, members and their coaches alike, decided to push for the opportunity to receive academic credit for their participation in the club.

This year, with the compliance of the Classics, Philosophy, and Religion Department at UMW, all the student members of Mock Trial will receive academic credit through an Independent Study arranged with Philosophy Professor, Jason Matzke. Each student will receive three credits for their participation in the club as well as participating in some other works.

The Mock Trial Practicum course will officially be offered in the fall of 2010. Storr will also be teaching a night course at UMW entitled "Introduction to Law."

"I hope to have enough students to make two teams next year," Storr said. She also hopes that the students will place high enough in competition to get a bid into nationals.

This year in the AMTA competition held in Baltimore, Md. Feb. 19-21, the team ranked tenth out of 26 other teams. The top eight teams got bids to this year's national competition.

Competitors each school receives the charges and basis of the case, rules that must be followed, and affidavits of each of the testifying or potentially testifying witnesses. The team then studies this information and sets up a case. The defense and prosecution of the teams then compete against one another within the course of 4 rounds. A panel of judges scores the performances.

"We were very close in the competition," Lindeman said. "Just think of what we will accomplish next year."



The UMW Mock Trial Team. The team placed tenth out of 26 teams at the American Mock Trial Association competition in Maryland in February.

Professor Remembered as 'Incredibly Vibrant Person'

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band, Paul Fallon, associate professor of linguistics, said.

Following the discovery of the tumor in her brain her condition forced her to take medical leave shortly after the start of the 2008 academic year, eventually leading her to disability retirement in May 2009.

Kakava is survived by Fallon, her husband of 19 years, their son Yanni and two sisters.

language gender.

"It's hard for students," Kennedy said. "The younger students really didn't get the chance to know her."

After her initial diagnosis with breast cancer in 2007, Kakava took time off during the 2007-2008 academic year in order to concentrate on her treatment. She was, however, able to carry a partial load of independent students her hus-

tact with that subject. I need you to get there right now.

H: But he's coming toward us, he's getting closer!

PD: He's got a jersey over his face. She's very excited. She needs you to get there right now.

Pause.
M: Am I am you there?

Pause.
M: Am I am you there?

Pause.
Hello, m'am?

Aside: She stated that her name was Judy Hample.

Is there anyone there?

Eagle One patrol: Ignore it. It was a test.

PD: It was a test?

EO: Yeah, ignore it.

PD: No, I'm not going to ignore it. I have officers in the area.

EO: We're in the area. You can trust us. It's a safety walk.

PD: Headquarters nine. Who am I speaking to?

EO: Who is this?

PD: This is Tim from University Po-

lice.

EO: Tim, it's Eagle One. We're with a group of people over here. It's a test of the blue light sound. Judy Hample's here.

PD: Hold on one second.

Headquarters nine fifteen. I have someone stating he's Eagle One. He says it's a test of the emergency phones.

He says he's there with Judy Hample right now.

—Bulet staff contributed to this report.

University Releases Audio Recording of Safety Walk

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Aside: Headquarters nine, fifteen, she says there are two women there. He's about 10 feet away from them.

H: Can you please hurry?

PD: They're on their way right now, absolutely.

H: Well, how long is going to be?

PD: You said that he has his hand in his pocket?

H: Anintelligible...police?

PD: M'am just stay with me, stay with me, alright? They're on their way

right now.

H: But he's coming toward us, he's getting closer!

PD: He's got a jersey over his face. She's very excited. She needs you to get there right now.

Pause.

M: Am I am you there?

Pause.

Hello, m'am?

Pause.

Headquarters, all units. I've lost con-

tact with that subject. I need you to get there right now.

Answering the phone: University police?

Other caller: Yes, I just had a quick question.

PD: Ma'm can you hold on one second?

Pause.

Sound of dialing a telephone.

Ma'm are you still there?

Pause.

Aside: She stated that her name was Judy Hample.

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Sports

Basketball Seasons Come to an End

By NICK NELSON

Staff Writer

With exciting seasons behind them, the University of Mary Washington's men's and women's basketball teams can look back at what they accomplished and how they can go forward.

Despite a tough 50-48 loss in the Capital Athletic Conference championship at the hands of Marymount University, the women's team powered to a 22-6 overall record, and 15-1 in the conference, losing in overtime, 61-54, in the second round of the NCAA tournament to the University of Rochester.

Their first-round game was an impressive entry in the 2009-2010 postseason, as the Eagles defeated William Patterson University by a score of 84-53.

Awards were also garnered on members of the women's team, as sophomores Jenna McRae and Katie Wimmer were named to the 2010 All-Capital Athletic Conference teams, the only underclassmen named to the squad. McRae averaged 13

points and 5 boards a game, while Wimmer notched 12 points and 4 boards per contest.

Freshman and Springfield, Va. native Carol Dye was also named as the Conference's rookie of the year, starting 16 games and averaging 6 points and 6 rebounds a game, with a 46 per cent shooting percentage. Dye also achieved 625 total minutes of play, averaging 22 minutes per game.

Head Coach Deena Appleby helmed the team for the seventh season, coaching a squad that won all but one game at home, finishing the season with a 10-1 home record. Their only home loss came to Marymount in the conference championship. The Eagles away record was also impressive, as they accomplished a 9-4 road record, along with a 3-1 record in games played on a neutral court.

The men's squad had an equally impressive 2009-2010 campaign, despite a disappointing 9-15 overall record and 6-10 conference record.

While such numbers may not suggest accomplishment and success, individual performances by



Courtesy of Clint Often

Sophomore guard Jenna McRae was one of four Lady Eagles to score in double digits in UMW's first round tournament rout over William Paterson University.

members of the men's squad left plenty of promise for next year's campaign.

Senior center Brandon Altmann was named as one of 10 finalists for the Jostens Trophy, awarded to the NCAA Division III College Basketball Player of the Year. Along with receiving his second selection to the first-team All-Capital Athletic Conference team, Altmann led the team by averaging a double-double, with 19 points and 10 rebounds per game. Altmann also finished his college career as Mary Washington's all-time leading shot blocker.

The team itself had several highlights throughout the season, including a dominant 86-58 victory against Stevenson University on Jan. 6. The game was highlighted by the play of sophomore forward Tad Dickman, who scored 19 points in 19 minutes as one of four Eagles players who scored in double figures.

The season began with a thrilling 97-91 double overtime victory against Lynchburg College in the Roanoke Tipoff Tournament, another contest with four Eagles scoring in double figures and freshman forward J.R. Gray achieving a double-double with 13 points and 10 re-

bounds, overcoming a 27-point outing by Lynchburg's Bobby Kaiser. The contest was one of two overtime victories for the Eagles, the second coming in a February matchup against the York College of Pennsylvania. The season unfortunately did not end on as high a note, as the team lost its last three contests, including a 22-point defeat at the hands of St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Both teams look forward to the 2010-2011 campaign, with growth, development and a return to the dominance of old in mind.

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Courtesy of Clint Often

Senior center Brandon Altmann was a First-Team All-CAC selection and is a finalist for the Jostens Trophy, which is awarded to the best Division III college basketball player in the country.

Let the Madness Begin

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Duke - We've seen this from the Blue Devils before; they get highly ranked, earn a high seed in the tournament, and then fall out around the Sweet 16. I know they got to the Elite 8 last year, but since their last championship in 2001, Duke has advanced past the Sweet 16 just twice. Duke's stats all look good, and they do have three players who all average over 17 points per game, but they rely too much on the three for their success. They

New Mexico - The Lobos are 28-3, the eighth ranked team in the country, and their conference (the Mountain West) is pretty strong this season. However, I'm still not a believer in New Mexico. Their stats look pretty strong overall, but they were compiled on a weak schedule so they can't be trusted as much as a team from a power conference. The Lobos have won 10 games this season by five points or less and they didn't play the toughest set of schedules. They are a terrible free throw shooting team (234th nationally at 66.8 percent) and a very small team, which means they will be mismatched inside in almost every matchup.

Intrigue:

Georgetown - The Hoyas have dominating victories over Duke and Villanova, but they also have losses to Rutgers and Old Dominion. I don't really trust the Hoyas, but they have shown that, if they turn it on, they are capable of a Final Four run. They will be the toughest team to predict when you go to fill out your bracket because they could really end up on either extreme of the spectrum. Stats don't matter when it comes to Georgetown because it really depends on whether or not they decide to show up. They will make or break a lot of brackets, and that is certainly intriguing.

Villanova - What Villanova does best is score the ball, as they rank third in the country in points per game (82.8). Yet in their recent six-game lull (2-4) the Wildcats are averaging 10 points less per contest (72.3). They are a very deep team that uses a 10-11 man rotation and is led by good, veteran guards. They are a great free-throw shooting team (12th in the nation at 75.1 percent), a good three-point shooting team (52nd in the country at a 37.2 percent clip) and they are a surprisingly good rebounding team (29th in the country in rebound margin +5.2). The Wildcats could easily make another Final Four run, but if their scoring struggles continue a second round exit is just as possible.

Senior guard Sherron Collins leads Kansas into the big dance as one of the favorites to win the tournament.

need to prove they are still a powerhouse who can win in a tournament setting before I pick them to go deep in the bracket.

Purdue: Just a few weeks ago I really liked the Boilermakers chances to go deep in the tournament, but that was before they lost forward Robbie Hummel for the season with a torn ACL. Hummel was arguably Purdue's best player, and without him, everything changes. Though they are currently a No. 2 seed, I think Purdue could easily fall in the second round, and I don't think they will find their way past the Sweet 16 with Hummel sidelined.



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Language classes with other foreign students will meet from 9-12 Monday through Friday and the cultural class will meet from 1-3 Tuesday through Thursday.

The cultural class, **Myths, Symbols, and Iconography; Paris in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance**, will be taught in English and will meet in the following locations: Chartres cathedral, Notre Dame, Sainte Chapelle, Cluny medieval museum, Louvre, Fontainebleau palace, and a walking tour of the Marais. An overnight trip outside of Paris is also included as part of the course -- in the past these included trips to Mont St. Michel and the Loire Valley chateaux.

There will also be several **excursions**: a boat ride on the Seine, an evening at the theater, and visits to the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Versailles, Musee d'Orsay, Invalides, Opera, Pere Lachaise, and Hotel de Ville. After the cultural classes, Prof. Donaldson will offer optional walking tours of the Latin Quarter, Marais, Montmartre, Ile Saint Louis, Opera, and the Grands Boulevards. Finally, we will take a weekend trip to artist Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny.

The cost of the program is \$4000. A monthly metro pass, housing, healthy insurance, and 4 restaurant dinners, 2 cocktail parties with French students, all entry fees, and all travel related to the culture class are included in the price.

Sports

Men's Lacrosse Captures First Win

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Good news came for the University of Mary Washington men's lacrosse team Sunday, March 7 when the Eagles landed their first win of the season with a 12-7 victory over Christopher Newport University. After experiencing a slow start to the season, Coach Kurt Glaeser was concerned for the confidence levels both individually and as a team.

"When you're a young team, you're going to make mistakes," Glaeser said following the victory. "I don't want them to lose confidence in themselves and each other. I don't want the boys to beat themselves up."

Junior Brian Meaney scored a pair of goals in the first period to help give UMW an early 3-0 lead after the opening frame. Freshman Johnny Hink and junior Mark Bowler added a goal apiece in the second period to push the Eagles advantage to 5-1 at the midway point of the game.

UMW started fast following the intermission, scoring three goals to further extend their lead to 8-1, and they led 9-3 heading into the final period. The Captains tried to make a late surge in the fourth, scoring four goals in the period, but the Eagles did not concede as they closed out the game with a 12-7 win. UMW outshot CNU 32-21 in the game, led saves 7-6, and had the clears advantage 14-7.

Bowler led the Eagles charge over the Captains by scoring four goals and adding one assist.

"It felt really good to pull out a win," Bowler said. "We finally started playing to our potential. A nice reward comes from hard work and persistence; being a young team, we are growing with ex-



Courtesy of Clint Often

Junior attacker Mark Bowler (4) scored five points in the UMW victory this past Sunday. Bowler scored four goals and added an assist in the Eagles 12-7 victory over Christopher Newport University.

perience."

Meaney contributed an outstanding performance in the win as well. Meaney's three goals against the Captains further strengthened Coach Glaeser's assurance in moving Meaney from his previous position as an attacker into the midfield.

"Although there is still room for improvement,

Brian's deceptive quickness and skill could result in All-Conference recognition," Glaeser said.

"A great week of practice outside and the change in weather has helped us further grow as a team," Meaney said. "We are taking it one game at a time. Improving our shots and taking advantage of the goal-scoring opportunities given to us is

needed for a successful season. I think on any day we can play with anyone."

Johnny Hink, one of the team's seventeen freshmen, proved his ability as a field player during his season debut. Hink scored two goals and had one assist from the attack position.

"The win felt good," Hink said. "It started the momentum we need to move forward successfully."

"It was nice to see Hink step up and contribute," Glaeser said. "He's quick and knows how to break pressure. That's what we needed and he delivered."

In addition to Bowler, Meaney and Hink, the Eagles also received contributions from Brian Deal, Evan Weiss, and Harry Snyder to help ensure the victory against CNU, who fell to 2-2 on the season.

"We are definitely showing poise and maturity compared to previous games," Glaeser said. "We need to take Sunday's performance and continue to build on it. Twelve goals is average for a good program, and that's what we want to see on a normal occasion."

The Eagles moved to 1-3 on the season, and they still have three games until they enter Capital Athletic Conference play. The lacrosse team had a road game yesterday against McDaniel College, but the game did not end in time to have results included in this issue.

"We have confidence now and that's important," Glaeser said. "As long as my guys show willingness to learn we will continue to improve. It's not where you are in the beginning of the season, it's where you end up at the end and we're on our way."

College Basketball Tournament Preview

By ZACH MORETTI
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The trick in the NCAA basketball tournament is figuring out which teams are the real contenders, which teams are pretenders, and which teams are sleepers to go deeper than people would think. In this segment we will delve into teams I love, those I hate, and those teams who are the most confusing in trying to predict.

So without further ado, let's get to it.

Love:

Kansas - There is no truly great team in college basketball this season, but the Jayhawks have been the best team in the country for most of the year. They have experience as they return eight of their top nine players from last year's team that made it to the Sweet 16, and they are a matchup problem because of their size. They are a complete team that ranks fourth in the country in scoring offense (82.2 PPG) and 55th in scoring defense (63.6 PPG allowed). They are the favorite entering the tournament.

Syracuse - Coach Jim Boeheim's famed 2-3 zone defense looks better than ever (ranked 20th in the country in opponents FG percentage, holding opponents to a mere 39.4 percent from the field). The Orange are a superb passing team, and they are incredibly balanced, with five players averaging double figures. They are not a deep team by any means, using just a seven man rotation, but their top seven players are as good as anyone's top tier in the country. They are a legitimate title contender.

Ohio State - They are a phenomenal defensive team (ranked 20th in the nation in scoring defense)



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and they also rank 29th in the country in turnover margin (+3.0). Don't be confused by all the hype that surrounds Kentucky's John Wall; the Buckeyes have the best player in the country on their team in guard Evan Turner. Turner is averaging 19.5 points, 9.4 rebounds, and 5.8 assists per game, and in a field with no great teams, the best player could carry a team to a title.

Maryland - I don't think the Terrapins can win the title, but depending on their side of the bracket, I love them to get to the Elite 8. They have a great coach in Gary Williams, a great senior guard in Greivis Vasquez, and they are hot right now; winners of nine of their last 10 games. They don't turn the ball over (28th in the country in turnover margin at +3.1), they knock down their free throws (68th in the nation in free throw percentage (72.1 percent), and they play stifling defense (12th among Division I teams in FG percentage defense – 38.4 percent).

Hate:

Kentucky - The Wildcats are a very young team, with three of their top four players being freshman, and history shows that experience prevails in the tournament. They are also a poor free-throw shooting team (ranked 199th among Division I teams at 68.3 percent), a bad three-point shooting team (142nd among Division I teams at 34.9 percent), and they don't take care of the ball (240th among Division I teams with 14.7 turnovers per game and are one of only eleven teams currently projected in the tournament that have a negative turnover margin).

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UMW Indoor Track Season Completed

By ANDREW KADA
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Last Saturday, the UMW men's and women's indoor track and field teams sent a small squad of five runners to the Virginia Tech Last Chance meet in Blacksburg, Va.

As the final meet of UMW's indoor season, the Last Chance meet offers athletes a final opportunity to qualify for the NCAA national meet.

"The meet went alright. We had a couple solid performances that made it a good trip. It was a good way to end the indoor season," said captain Matt Cash.

Schools who competed in the meet included host Virginia Tech, Salisbury University, Eastern Mennonite University and various other Division I programs.

The UMW athletes who competed on Saturday were senior Matt Geller in the weight throw with a mark of 52 feet, two inches, Daniel Piccolo running the 60 meters sprint in 7.18 seconds, and Jason Driscoll finishing the mile with 4:27.80.

In the 800 meter run, senior Matt Cash and senior co-captain Mo Yousuf both ran with times of 1:55.46 and 1:57.28 respectively.

"Mo Yousuf had a great 800 meter race with running a personal best for himself on an indoor track," Cash said. "He has made some great improvements so far this year with limited training, and he could very well make the national provisional qualifying time in the 800 if he

stays healthy. I'll be looking to join him with that as well," Cash added.

Although the 2009 to 2010 indoor track season has come to its conclusion, UMW objectives are unchanged. According to Cash, the team still has one more feat they hope to accomplish.

"Our team goal for the year is simple; Beat Salisbury at CACs," Cash said. "We were able to get it done in cross country, now we want to go to their home track and hurt them. We had a tough winter with all the snow limiting our work, but Salisbury had the same problem so we won't be making excuses from that."

Despite recent setbacks, including a few injuries and the weather, the team has not been fazed.

"I think our strength this year will be our depth as a team at conferences," Cash stated. "Salisbury has their star athletes that bring in big points, but we have a lot of guys who are all capable of picking up the slack and making CACs a

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— Senior Matt Cash on the team's goal at CACs.

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close meet."

The men and women teams will focus in the coming weeks on staying injury-free and improving fitness with rigorous workouts and training. Both teams will be back to competition next week when UMW hosts the Battleground Relays on March 19 and 20.

"We have some runners looking to break a few school records that weekend," Cash said. "It will be a fun couple of days."

Athletes of the Week

As the awards go to a pair of UMW freshman baseball players. Freshman 1B Matt Luton batted .583 with 8 RBI's in the teams four games from Feb. 27 to Feb. 28.

Freshman P Zach Goodwyn threw a seven inning no-hitter against Gallaudet University

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